GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INCIDENCES OF CHILD LABOUR AND TRAFFICKING
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of child labour and trafficking are on the increase despite Centre`s attempt to eradicate the same;

(b) if so, whether the International Convenor of Women`s Coalition for Peace and Development hascommented adversely on India`s failure to enact suitable legislations in this regard;

(c): if so, the main reasons for India`s failure in this regard; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Union Governmentto ensure that child development and rehabilitation programmes are properly implemented and achieve the targets?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of The House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO THELOKSABHASTARREDQUESTIONNO.411 FOR 16.04.2001 REGARDING INCIDENCE OF CHILD LABOUR AND TRAFFICKING.

(a) Authentic figures of child labour in the country are generated by the decennial census. According to 1981 census, the estimated figure of working children was 13.6 million whereas the number of working children in the country was of the order of 11.28 million as per 1991 census. The Government has not conducted any survey on child trafficking covering the entire country.

(b) Government has no information in this regard.

(c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

(d) Government of India has been implementing two schemes for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work, namely the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) and the scheme of Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. The major activity under NCLP is running special schools/centres for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work through non-formal education, vocational training, nutrition, health care, stipend etc. The projects are continuously monitored through receipt of periodical reports and returns and reviews at the Centre, State and District level. A Central Monitoring Committee, under the Chairmanship of LabourSecretary has also been set up for the overall supervision, monitoring and evaluation of the NCLPs.Under the Scheme of grant-in-aid, funds are released to Voluntary Organisations on the recommendation of the concerned State Government for taking up action oriented projects for the benefit of children withdrawn from work.

The Government has drawn up a National Plan of Action with the objective of mainstreaming and rehabilitating the victims of trafficking.